

IDENTIFYING AST POSITIONS

A position is properly classified AST if it is engaged in one or more of the *areas of work* and meets at least one of the three *working conditions* identified in Paragraphs 1 and 2:

1. Areas of Work

- a. the study of space phenomena;
- b. work affected by known or unknown conditions in space or simulated space environments;
- c. the science of aeronautics;
- d. application or research findings in space and aeronautics;

2. Working Conditions

- a. Many of these positions are interdisciplinary, bringing into play combinations of academic disciplines which are dictated by the unique problems in the field;
- b. Positions reflecting extensions of the traditional disciplines to meet the space environment or advanced flight regimes;
- c. Positions wherein the duties require an understanding of problems peculiar to space and advanced flight regimes.